GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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REVENUE EARNED FROM DTH OPERATORS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the existing system, it is obligatory for the Direct-To-Home (DTH) operators to share the revenue earned by them with the Government as per DTH Licence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of revenue received by the Government on this account from various DTH operators during each of the last three years, till date;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to recover the outstanding dues?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): As per Article 3 of the Schedule containing terms & conditions of License Agreement, a DTH licensee has to share 10% of the gross revenue every year as license fee.

(c): Out of six DTH licensees only three operators are providing their services so far. Dish TV India Ltd. which started its services in October 2003 has paid Rs. 2,04,87,187/- for 2004-2005; Rs. 2.5 crores for 2005-2006 & Rs. 10 crores for 2006-2007. M/s Tata Sky started its services in financial year 2006-2007 and has paid Rs. 8,84,90,208/- as license fee. M/s Sun Direct TV Pvt. Ltd. started its services in December, 2007. The license fee will be due at the end of the curent fianancial year and is to be paid by licensees within one month of the end of the financial year.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.